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Rotary Foundation Month in November!

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Message from the chair -- Celebrate the Foundation this month



Dear family of Rotary,

November is a very special month on my personal Rotary calendar, and I hope that you share my enthusiasm. All Rotarians can take great pride in the achievements of our Foundation, from our work for polio eradication to our Rotary Centers for International Studies to projects that improve lives every day. And now, we are building on those efforts through our Future Vision Plan.

As a Nigerian, I have seen how The Rotary Foundation is making a difference in my homeland. As Rotary Foundation chair, I have the opportunity to see our Foundation in action throughout the world. I can assure you that your generous contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund are doing good in myriad ways.

But our contributions to the Foundation go beyond financial support. Rotarian doctors and dentists are serving as volunteers to bring health care to remote, underserved areas. Rotarian families are welcoming Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams into their homes, establishing lasting international friendships. And millions of children are receiving the precious polio vaccine during National Immunization Days that Rotarians help organize, promote, and carry out with an eye on good stewardship practices.

As you observe Rotary Foundation Month, keep in mind the many ways that you can contribute. Through our combined support, the Foundation will continue to do good in the world for decades to come.

Jonathan Majiyagbe
 Foundation Trustee Chair

Meeting Summary for April 7, 2008

DATE: April 7, 2008

PLACE: Petroleum Club

GREETERS: **Doug McLaughlin** and **Bob Auflick**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION, 4-WAY TEST: **Val Sprecher**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Doug McLaughlin**

Helen Bishop was a visiting Rotarian today from the Jackson Hole Supper Club. **Eric Easton** introduced Janice Dona, who is the mother of one of our Students of the Month today, Steven Schoeber. **Barb Peryam** introduced her guest today Kenyne Schlager who is a member of the City Council. **Jimmy Goolsby**, acting President today for **Dusty Johnson**, introduced Dusty's guest, Steve Berdahl from Sheet Metal Specialties. **Val Sprecher** introduced her guest, Rich Roberts, who is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He is also her future husband.

SONG AND MERRIMENT: **Gene Prugh** led us in singing "God Bless America".

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Jimmy **Goolsby** announced that fellow Rotarian **Susan Griffith** was named the Woman of Distinction for the state of Wyoming.

CLASSIFICATION SPEECH: **Tom**

Valdez is a semi-retired pharmacist who was raised in Cheyenne and graduated from the University of Wyoming. He has been married 42 years to his wife Jan and they have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. He used to work for Osco drug in Illinois and Montana, then moved back to Wyoming. He has been involved with 4-H, serves as a CASA volunteer and is on the Board of Directors for the Wyoming Pharmaceutical Association.

GUEST SPEAKER: Today's guest speaker was our own fellow Rotarian **Val Sprecher**. She gave a presentation on the Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris Fellows. The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International are two separate entities. Rotary International was founded by Paul Harris in February of 1905. The way Rotary got its name was because the meeting places were rotated around among members. In 1998 Rotary started admitting women into the organization. There are now 32000 clubs in the world and 1.2 million Rotarians. The mission of Rotary is to improve the human condition. Rotary International is also the center for international study. It sponsors the group study exchanges, the Ambassadorial Scholarships to further international relationships, the Volunteer Service Grant which

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sponsors international travel for Rotarians and their spouses and grants for university teachers so they can teach in developing countries for a 3-10 month period of time. Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that has 100 years of service and is totally run on voluntary contributions. It supports world peace and understanding and its goal is to eliminate poverty. One big program funded by Rotary International is the Polio Plus program. Because of this program, 2 billion children have received polio vaccinations since 1985. To become a sustaining member you need to pledge \$100 a year. You can see Val for these forms or see our treasurer Jack Swanson. The Bill Gates Foundation has now challenged the Rotary Foundation to raise 100 million dollars which they will match over the next 3 years. This is a great way to get started as a sustaining member, because whatever you donate will be matched up to \$10000 by Casper Rotary. Also if you want to donate to Polio Plus those will count towards your Paul Harris Fellows. Rotary Foundation dollars are working. Since March 25, 2008, it has been reported that Somalia is now a polio free country with over 1.8 million children becoming vaccinated due to the Polio Plus program.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: There were no Rotarians nominated this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Greg Brondos announced that the Ride the Rockies will be held at Taggart Lake, 10:00 a.m. this next Saturday morning for

the 32 mile ride. See Greg if you need more information. Larry Madsen announced that the deadline for the Green River float trip is this coming Friday, and they are below the minimum number they need to book the trip, so please see Larry as soon as possible if you are wanting to go. CeCe Christiansen, our exchange student from Demark, announced she is actively seeking donations for fund-raising for the NC soccer team. If you would like to donate see her for more information. Chad Nelson announced the the Science Zone will be holding it's silent auction and brunch, "Spring Egg-stravaganza" on April 20th at the Casper Country Club beginning at noon. They are also haveing the Poker Finals and you can buy raffle tickets for poker seats. Bill Mortimer announced that the District Conference will be held in Cody June 5, 6, and 7th and you need to see Bill or Dave True to register as soon as possible. Deadline for this is the 12th or 13th of April in order to get a discount.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Introduced by Eric Easton

Today's students were from Kelly Walsh High School. Steven Schoeber is ranked fourth in his class and is a senior at KWHS. He loves his Chemistry, CalcII and Biology classes and also plays tennis and participated in Tae-kwon-doh. He is a member of the National Honor Society and would like to go to the University of Wyoming and major in Biology. From there he would either like to go to med school or become a radiologist. Alaina Finley is a senior at KWHS and

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really like her Calculus, AP Physics and her science classes. She has participated in Volleyball, choir, plays the violin and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also participates in Karate. She would like to go to Colorado State University to

get a Bio-medical science degree and become a Veterinarian.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 14TH AT THE PARKWAY PLAZA WITH OUR OWN BILL NELSON TALKING ABOUT THE NEW LIBRARY

Meeting Summary for April 21, 2008

DATE: April 21, 2008

PLACE: Petroleum Club

GREETERS: **Don Harris** and **Rod Aaker**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION, 4-WAY TEST: **Bill Nelson**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Rod Aaker** **Toni Lussier's** guest today was her son Paul who is a student at UW. **Tim Richardson** brought as his guest Elias Montalvo who is an ESL instructor and a teacher at Poison Spider School. **Jimmy Goolsby** brought as his guest Carolyn Deuel. **Tom Forslund** brought the Mayor of Casper, Paul Bertaglio. **Jim Anderson** brought as his guest Anthea Miller, who is a Marketing Director for Wyoming Machinery. **Martha Rakestraw's** guest today was Drew Perkins. **Jim Porter** brought as his guest today Joel Dvorak, the new Superintendent of NCS#1. President **Dusty Johnson** brought as his guest Steve Berdahl who owns Sheet Metal Specialties. Our visiting Rotarians from the 5-Trails club were Randy Hein, Lynn Lockhart and Janice and Dave Scrivner.

SONG AND MERRIMENT: **Gene Prugh** and **Brenda Peters** led us in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

FAMILY OF ROTARY: President **Dusty Johnson** announced that Rodney Mundell, Robin's husband, recently had a kidney removed because of cancer and had complications. They ended up doing emergency surgery and had to remove the spleen also. He was critical for awhile, but is now better and should be out of the hospital within the next few days. **Bill Schwartz** is currently undergoing a major bypass surgery. Please keep these Rotarians and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

GUEST SPEAKER: Today's guest speaker was Kazuaki Kubo who is the Consulate General from Japan. He was accompanied by his wife Kazuko and Mako Miller from Casper. He currently resides in Denver, Colorado and his area is Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. He has been wanting to come to Casper to visit for quite some time. He represents Japan and is concentrating on the fu-

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ture between our 2 nations. Japan wants to have a good economic relationship with the US and it is a relationship that has grown steadily over the last 60 years. Relations started developing between the 2 countries in 1945, and even though there have been conflicts, it is getting better all of the time. We are now in a phase where the confidence that has been built between the 2 countries needs to be maintained. The keyword for this is globalization. He feels we need to look at the world as one entity of a system and that every country may work differently but we can function in harmony. He said there are still quite a few Japanese that do not see the relationship between the US and Japan as being very good. Although the Japanese do give credit to the US for their individualism and developing democracy. He feels that close relations can only be maintained through mutual understandings. We have many cultural differences, for example, the Americans feel it is our right to carry guns, but the Japanese don't understand that concept at all. He says the Japanese may seemed closed, but they are a type of people who decide things on a more unanimous level. He feels that this long-standing confidence between the 2 countries can be a great sign of hope and that we need to be more tolerant of each other so we can set an example to the rest of the world.

CLASSIFICATION SPEECH: **Steve Burnett** is the new pastor at the First United Methodist Church located on the corner of 2nd and Durbin. He grew up in Mississippi and his father was a Rotarian. He served in Mississippi and

then 8 years in Colorado. His wife's name is Ingrid and she is employed at the Nicolaysen. They have a daughter who lives in Colorado. He likes to back pack, hike, play baseball and he also collects rare books.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: President **Dusty Johnson** nominated Brenda Nunez for her efforts in leaving work in order to e-mail all our members about the sudden change in meeting locations. **Peaches Lynch** nominated **Vicki Legerski** and **Val Sprecher** for becoming our host families for the foreign exchange students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Bill Mortimer** reminded all of the District Conference which will be held in Cody, Wyoming the first weekend of June. If you got an e-mail that said you owed money for the conference, don't worry about that, it will show up on your Rotary bill. See Bill if you have questions. **Keith Ashby** announced that the Boy Scouts are going to be having a fly fishing instruction and camp for 4 days in prime fly fishing country. There are flyers on the table if you are interested, you can see Keith for more information. President **Dusty Johnson** announced that the Salvation Army will be honoring Jason's Friends Foundation at its annual dinner on May 1st. The cost is \$40 or you can purchase a table for \$300. **Bill Schilling** announced that Outlook 20008, the Economic Forum, will be held on May 6th. See the flyers on your tables for more information. It will be held at

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the Best Western Ramkota beginning at 11:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 28th at the Parkway Plaza. Our guest speaker will be talking on Underground Coal Gassification.

Meeting Summary for April 28, 2008

DATE: April 28, 2008

PLACE: Parkway Plaza

GREETERS: **Jim Waldron** and **Tim Havasi**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION, 4-WAY TEST: **Tim Havasi**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Tim Monroe** Today from 5-Trails Janice Scriven was our guest. Michelle Alexander was also our guest from the Rotoract club. **Ronna Boril** introduced her guest Lori Johnson who is her assistant. **Larry King** introduced his wife as his guest, Emily. **Dennis Lower** brought as his guest today Don Lawson who is a geologist. **John Jorgensen** brought as his guest Greta Hinderliter who is the school district coordinator for homeless children. **Tom Lockhart** brought as his guest Peter Wold from Wold Oil and Gas. **Gene Theriault** brought as his guest **Frank Odasz**. President **Dusty Johnson** brought as his guest Steve Berdahl who owns Sheet Metal Specialties. **Susan Griffith** had several guests. John Griffith was her guest and is with Groathouse Construction. She also introduced Mr. Warren and Mr. Juarez who were parents of our Students of the Month. **Eric Easton** introduced us to his

guest, Chris Bolender, Vice Principal from Natrona County High School. He also introduced us to Dorian and Julie Fox who are parents of the student of the month from NC.

SONG AND MERRIMENT: **Gene Prugh** and **Brenda Peters** led us in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: **Bill Nelson** and **John Jorgensen** introduced Michelle Alexander and Greta Hinderliter because they have felt that Rotary needs to step up and help the homeless children in our community. Greta Hinderliter is the coordinator with NCSD #1 and the homeless children in Casper and Michelle is a member of Rotoract. They are also doing fund-raisers to help the homeless children in Casper. Rotoract is holding a fundraiser on May 30th in conjunction with the Calvary football game and will have a motorcycle parade at the beginning of the game as well as collecting money to help go for the children's school supplies. A portion of the ticket sales for the Calvary game will go to help this fund as well. **Bill Nelson** and **John Jorgensen** have started a "Polyanna Membership Card" to all Rotarians who give \$100 to go towards helping the

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homeless children. You can see Bill or John for further long range plans or if you would like to give a donation.

GUEST SPEAKER: Introduced by **Jimmy Goolsby**

Today's guest speaker was Steve Morzenti. Steve is with Wold Oil and Gas. His talk today was on "Underground Coal Gassification - Powder River Basin". He discussed the future of coal in Wyoming. There is a lot of deep coal in Wyoming, the problem is how do we get it out? The other questions asked were "Why coal and why as energy for the future?" Of our energy consumption, 2/3 is in oil and natural gas and 1/3 of it is in coal. In Wyoming 2/3 of our energy reserves is in coal. Also, 96% of the world's reserve energy is also in coal, in fact there is 18 trillion tons of coal in reserves. We need to be able to get to this, but most of the world coal reserves are very deep and very thick. In Wyoming, it is almost 8 feet thick all over the state. He also told us how gassification occurs. It is a partial combustion that is created in an oxygen lean environment. The gas it creates is the same as the surface gas. The cost advantages is that there is no mining and that there really are unlimited reserves. The capital costs are lower as well as the operating costs. Another plus is that no surface water is required. To do the underground gassification it takes a unique skills for recovery and could cost 20-40 million a project. In the Powder River Basin there are 510 billion tons of coal. In some places it is up to

100-300 feet thick and some is even 1000 feet deep. Coal also has a higher energy level than gas. The Powder River Basin is great because there is so much coal available and the infrastructure already exists to start the process. He says there is a tremendous economic advantage to Coal Gassification because of the reduced operating costs and we need to explore this because of the amounts available.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: **Martha Rakestraw** nominated **Susan Griffith** for being named as an outstanding teacher in coordination with the Senior Academic Achievement Awards. **Gene Prugh** nominated **Red Nickerson** and **Bill Mortimer** for the steel structure pavillion project at the Crossroads Park. **Jim Limes** nominated **Bob Nagel** for his help in reading and teaching kids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **John Jorgensen** announced there would be a Rotary Foundation Board Meeting tonight at Hilltop Bank. President **Dusty Johnson** announced that there will be a park clean-up at Crossroads Park on May 17th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. You can sign up on the sheets on the tables. He also announced that Econominc Outlook 2008 will be held on May 6th. If you would like to register there are forms on the tables. The conference will be held from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. **Don Harris** announced that he visited two elder hostels on his recent trip and brought back Rotary banners to present to the club.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Introduced by **Eric Easton** and **Susan Griffith**

Haley Fox is a senior at NCHS and is the daughter of Dorian and Julie Fox. She is in the Honor's classes and will be earning her Academy diploma upon graduation. Her favorite classes are her art classes and she participates on the NC Golf team. She also likes her psychology and social work classes. She is involved with Highland Park Church and would like to attend Casper College for 2 years.

Thomas Fletcher is a senior at NCHS. He likes to play video games and music is a big part of his life. He has been in the orchestra since 5th grade, is an Honors student and takes Honors Physics at Casper College. He works at the Game Store in the mall and would like to go to Casper College for a year. He will be going on a 2 year mission after that and then wants to either go to BYU or MSU and major in

Computer Science.

Tabitha Juarez is a senior at Roosevelt High School. She has very caring teachers and loves to listen to music and hang out with her friends. She admires her dad and Mrs. Griffith is one of her favorite teachers. She wants to go to college and major in business, possibly getting her MBA. She would like to someday open her own spa.

Kaleigh Warren is also a senior at Roosevelt and switched to Roosevelt in January and feels she is doing very well there. She likes to read and hang out with her friends and admires her mom. Her favorite class is Journalism, she is on the honor roll and would like to go to Casper College and major in forensic science.

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 5th at the Parkway Plaza **Tom Forslund** will be our guest speaker.

Meeting Summary for May 8, 2008

DATE: May 8, 2008

PLACE: Parkway Plaza

GREETERS: **Greg Pope** and **Ed Classen**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION, 4-WAY TEST: **Josh Carnahan**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Ed Classen**

John Henley introduced his guests, Janet and Mike Merback and Bernard and Pascal Bonifas. They are the parents of the winners of the Rotary Scholarships. **Eric Easton** introduced the parents of the students of the month. They were Kathy Neely and Diane and John Saraceno. **Martha Rakestraw** introduced Drew Perkins as her guest. **Lisa Hubbard** introduced her guests from Gorder South Group. They were Tim Tran,

Nick Lafennirne and James Bourassa. **Al Metz** brought as his guest today Margaret Strohecker. **Dean Cline** introduced John Griffith from Groathouse Construction. **Tom Pagel** introduced as his guest Mike Burnette. **Helen Bishop** was a visiting Rotarian from the Jackson Hole Supper Club.

SONG AND MERRIMENT: **Gene Prugh** and **Brenda Peters** Today we sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: **John Henley** introduced us to the winners of the BBB/Casper Rotary Scholarships. Second place winner was Jordan Merback from Kelly Walsh. She received a check for \$500. First place went to Paul Bonifas who read his winning essay. He received \$1000 in scholarship money. Jordan will be attending Stanford University on a track scholarship and Paul will be attending the University of Wyoming.

FAMILY OF ROTARY: **President Dusty Johnson** announced that **Bill Schwartz** is doing good after his bypass surgery and is still recuperating at the Elkhorn Rehab Hospital.

GUEST SPEAKER: Today's guest speaker was our own **Tom Forslund**. His talk was on "Waste and the Environment". He spoke of today's

waste created by humans. In the countries of Europe, Japan and the US, we are consuming 32 times more than the rest of the world. China is close behind as they are consuming 12% of the worlds energy. Just last year over 2 million cars were sold in China. this is 80% more than what was sold the previous year. For the Chinese, SUV's and luxury cars are the top sellers. If we keep consumption at this pace, we will not be able to sustain our natural resources. Major consumption levels started rising after World War II. We began to change the way we lived our lives and started consuming more and more. We all started driving bigger cars and building much bigger homes. Industries grew and the fast food industry boomed. There are several consequences of Post War development. We became a wealthier society, we were polluting our ground and well water, we consumed more oil, 50 % more than Europe. Obesity has become an epidemic, with adult and childhood diabetes rising drastically. In 1998 Natrona County produced over 79000 tons of garbage compared to 107000 tons of garbage produced in 2007. This means we are generating over 8 pounds of garbage per day per person. We are above the national level which is 4.61 pounds of garbage per day. He

WANTED: Rig photographer. Anyone with an interest in photography or who has a camera available at the meetings, we need you. Unfortunately, Maribeth has been called away a lot with her job and has not been able to attend the meetings regularly and therefore no pictures. If anyone is interested, please let me know at blsanders@wyoming.com. Thanks!!

discussed recycling and asked if that was really a way to help our environment. He knows if it is provided free and with convenience, then people will use it, but he is not so sure that it will benefit in the long run. He feels that we really need to focus on "source reduction". Instead of recycling we need to focus on reducing consumption on a daily basis. We have way to much waste in the way things are packaged, we pay for convenience as well as the cost of a product which in turn contributes to that "pounds of trash per day" total. We need to focus on what type of legacy we are leaving our children and grandchildren and start cutting back on consumption.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: **Gene Prugh** nominated **Stan Lowe** for being the guest speaker at the US Merchant Marione dinner honoring 142 Marines who were killed in WWII. **Dave Bishop** nominated **Steve Moldt** for being the guest speaker at the WGA addressing the city landfill. **Bill Schilling** nominated **John Starnes** for graduating from the Wyoming Leadership program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Tom Pagel** announced that he was once again carrying the torch for Special Olympics and is looking for donors to sponsor him. **Daron Gruner** announced that on Saturday May 17th there will be the Rotary Park clean-up beginning at 10:30 a.m. and going till 1:00 or so. **Daron** also announced that the Casper Troopers fundraiser is coming up June 13th and they are looking for sponsors. See **Daron** for more infor-

mation. **Sherry Parmenter** announced that she was selling tickets for the Buckaroo Ball benefitting the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra. See **Sherry** for more information. **John Jorgensen** announced they are launching their fund raising campaign to help the homeless schoolchildren. They are also having longer range plans for literary help for these children to get library cards. See **John** for more information if you would like to help with this ongoing project. **Denise Prugh** announced that she is looking for 3 RYLA participants to go to Estes park on July 13 - 18. She is looking for juinior and seniors in high school. Call **Denise** if you have someone who would be interested. **Bill Schilling** announced that the Wyoming Economic conference will be held at the Ramkota tomorrow and will begin at 11:30 a.m. **President Dusty Johnson** announced the clean-up day for Cross-Roads park will be on May 17th and will begin at 9:30 a.m. He also said that the pavillion is going up!!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Introduced by **Eric Easton**

Today's students were from Kelly Walsh High School. Matt Neely is the son of Kathy and Brad Neely. He is in the top 10% of his class and is also in the National Honor Society. He works on the school year book, is in Journalism, plays football, basketball and participates in soccer. He is a member of the All-State Choir and is very involved in the youth group at St. Patrick's

Church. He will attend Casper College and then plans on going to Metro in Denver.

Laura Seraceno is a senior at KW. She is in the top 10% of her graduating class. She is a Latin student who participates in trips and Latin competitions. She is a member of the Kelly

Walsh choir and works at KW in the summer as a lawn crew. She will attend Casper College and then will possibly go on to University of Wyoming and major in Radiology.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 12TH - PARKWAY PLAZA - GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE CHRIS DETRICH FROM THE YMCA

Meeting Summary for June 2, 2008

DATE: June 2, 2008

PLACE: Parkway Plaza

GREETERS: **Susan Griffith** and **Sherry Parmenter**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION, 4-WAY TEST: **Percy Anderson**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Sherry Parmenter**

Steve Popish brought as his guest, Dr. Scott Thorne of the Popish Vet Clinic. **Pinky Ellis** brought as his guest today his wife Jackie. **Edna Kennell** has three guests today. They were Ed Reish from the Natrona County Historical Society, Lee Underbrink and Ray Brubaker. **Eric Easton** introduced as his guest his wife Dawn. **Susan Griffith** introduced her son John Griffith who is with Groathouse Construction. **Linda Blackstone** introduced her guest Dr. Barbara Mueller from Casper College. **Dale Bohren** introduced his guest Nikolay Balayan from Russia. He is here as a law exchange student and living with **Dale** and fam-

ily while here in the US. **President Dusty Johnson** introduced his wife Vicki.

SONG AND MERRIEMENT: We were led in singing "God Bless America" by **Gene Prugh** and **Brenda Peters**.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: **Linda Blackstone** presented Dr. Barbara Mueller who is this year's recipient of the Rotary University grant. She is currently a professor at Casper College and will be teaching American Studies in Poland as the Rotary International Grant recipient.

FAMILY OF ROTARY: **President Dusty Johnson** announced that **Bill Schwartz** is back in the hospital with complications from his by-pass surgery. **Steve Burnett's** mother passed away. Please remember these Rotarians and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: **John Griffith** became a new member today. **John** was presented his red badge by **Susan Griffith**, his mother. **John** is with Groathouse

Construction.

GUEST SPEAKER: Today's guest speaker was introduced by Ed Reish who is with the Natrona County Historical Society. Our guest speaker today was Steve Haack who spoke about the Red Butte massacre and the history of that fateful day. There is currently an expedition looking for the remains of the wagon train settlers who were massacred and buried in a mass grave. They may now know where that grave site is located, which is somewhere just west of the Oregon Trail school area. An archaeological expedition is currently underway. Mr. Haack has researched this event in history and shared with us his findings. It was the late 1800's and the Indians were starting to raid the North Platte river areas. They were able to find actual written accounts of this attack from the Native Americans who witnessed this and other battles. Soldiers at this time were going in between the Sweet Water stations and the Platte Station. Going to the Sweet Water station, they were ok, but on coming back to the Platte station, 24 soldiers were attacked mercilessly. Downstream 30 other soldiers were attacked. When they came back, they were running low on ammunition. They noticed from out away from the fort a lot of smoke in the air. Unfortunately for them it was coming from campfires of close to 3000 warriors. This was an unusually high number of Indians, they never have that many preparing for battle. Casper Collins and 24 other soldiers decided to go out and look for a

wagon train that was supposed to be coming. They wanted to locate it and bring it back safely to the Fort. They were attacked by a huge crush of Indians, more than anyone had ever seen. Somehow 20 out of the 25 that went out made it back. The wagon train was not so fortunate. There was a huge battle, the first for an Indian named Crazy Horse. There were only 3 survivors, one of them being James Schrader. He made his way back to the Fort hiding in ravines. The soldiers were helpless at the Fort, they could not go out and help the wagon train, ammo was low and there were too many warriors. That next morning, the Indians came within sight of the Fort, they outnumbered the soldiers 20-1. For some reason they did not attack, but left. Speculation as to why they left could have been that resources were low or they may have suffered too many losses in the previous battle. Soldier reinforcements came from down river, but no one was able to get out to the wagon train for three days. When they did, they found the people had been stripped of clothing and mutilated. They had no other choice but to bury them right where the battle occurred. In 1888 the first railhead came to Casper, but Casper didn't grow very fast. In 1919 Robert Ellison was stationed in Casper and he was one of the first oil drillers to start developing this area. In July of 1926, James Schrader, one of the survivors from the wagon train attack, came to see Ellison because he had a huge interest in the story and

finding where these settlers were buried. They tried to re-enact the attack and took Schrader out to the area. Things had changed from erosion and weather, but he was able to find where he buried his buddy Edward Sommers. He knows from that point that he could look straight north and see the wagon train burial group. All of these accounts were kept by Ellison in books and materials, which took quite a journey themselves. After Ellison and his wife died, his wife's sister had these journals. When she died they went to a neighbor and their son finds these books. He took these books to a man who dealt in old books and his name was Rosenstock. He looked at all of these journals and materials and realized they belonged to his good friend Robert Ellison. He knew the value of these and poured through them trying to find information. Somehow these books ended up at the library at BYU where they were accessed in present day and used to help find the burial ground that is now being explored. There were many pictures that had been taken as well, they helped tremendously in pinpointing the area. They want to find the burial grounds as soon as possible because that area just west of Casper is being developed and the contractor is graciously holding off on development so they can try to find this burial ground.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: **Ken Gorder** gave special Rotary recognition to **Fred Niethammer** who has 20 years of participating in the highway clean-up project. Other Rotarians nomi-

nated by **Ken** for their participation in the event are **Gary Pehrson, Jim Limes, Jim Allison, Marv Skogen, Tom and Robin Broumley, Eric Easton, Tom Thorson, Eric Easton, Tim Monroe, Jim Lowham and Linda Gorder.** **President Dusty Johnson** nominated **Jim Waldron** for donating \$25 every time there was a sack or an interception at the last Calvary game. The money went to help the homeless children project. **Stan Lowe** nominated **Dr. Jake Dailey** for his participation in the Memorial Day Services. **Dr. Dailey** nominated **Stan Lowe** for emceeding the event again this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Eric Easton** announced that volunteers are needed for the Rotary water station for the annual marathon which will be held in Casper on Sunday June 8th. If you would like to help please be there by 6:30 a.m. **Holly Turner** announced that volunteers are needed to help with the NIC Fest which will be June 20 and 21. They need volunteers for many things including setting things up beginning on the 18th. See **Holly** or sign up on the sheet being passed around. **President Dusty Johnson** announced that the District Conference is coming up this weekend and they will need transportation for the exchange students who need to get there a day early. Rotary will pay for your motel room.

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 9th at the Parkway Plaza. Guest speaker will be Mako Miller

Meeting Summary for June 9, 2008

DATE: June 9, 2008

PLACE: Parkway Plaza

GREETERS: **Lori Becker** and **Edna Kennell**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION, 4 WAY TEST: **Dean Cline**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Lori Becker**

Today's visiting Rotarians were **Andy Finley** from 5-Trails as well as **Janice and Dave Scrivner**. The **Scrivner's** brought as their guest **Elena Pokhodiashaha** from Kiev. She is president of the her Rotoract club in the Ukraine. Another visiting Rotarian was **Bret Governanti** from Rotoract. **Toni Lussier** brought as her guest her son Paul. **Tom Lockhart** brought **Paula Gillette** as his guest and **Eric Easton** brought his wife Dawn as his guest. **Josh Carnahan** brought as his guest Joel Dvorak, the new Superintendent of Schools for Natrona County and **Bill Sullivan** recognized for the last time our exchange students CeCe Christianson and Mitch Invenizzi. They will be leaving soon for some travel time around the US and then return to their own homes.

SONG AND MERRIMENT: **Gene Prugh** and **Brenda Peters** - Today we sang "My Bonnie"

FAMILY OF ROTARY: We observed a moment of silence for the passing of **Bill Schwartz**. **Bill** passed away in

his sleep on Sunday night June 8th with his family at his side. He was first inducted into the Casper Rotary Club on October 15, 1948.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: **Tom Lockhart** was awarded his first Paul Harris Fellow award. **President Dusty Johnson** presented this award. He also introduced us to our newest member and red badger, **Steve Berdahl**. **Steve** is the owner of Sheet Metal Specialties. **Jason Dewitt** presented **President Dusty Johnson** with a banner from a "make-up" meeting he attended while in Hawaii.

GUEST SPEAKER: Today's guest speaker was introduced by **Jimmy Goolsby**. Mariko Miller, better known to most as Mako, was our speaker today. She spoke about Japanese/American relations and told us of her past and what her 2 cultures have meant to her. She is the daughter of a Japanese diplomat, the Terasaki family, and was born in Shanghai. She has lived in Washington, D.C. and also Japan. She has bonds of affection for both American and Japanese people. She has been involved in politics for over 40 years and has been a public speaker as well. She told of her rebellious grandfather, who was of a Samurai family. He was shot in the thigh at the age of 16, escaped his country and went to Korea. Her family has a tradition of diplomats, and her father became a diplomat and wanted to

come to the US. He came to Brown University. Mako's parents met at the Japanese Embassy in 1931. They became enamored with one another and it was affecting his career. He and his wife, from Johnson City, Tennessee, married in DC and then moved to Japan. Both countries treated the couple with great care and his new wife was trained to be the diplomatic wife. She went to Shanghai and there Mako was born after 52 hours of intensive labor. Her birth was very international with a Canadian doctor, American mother, Japanese father and born in China. She went on to say that Japan has no natural resources per se, the people are their resource. She grew up in a houseful of diplomats with many different types of people in her life who were internationally political and many great in the arts. One of Mako's biggest criticisms of our society today is that we do not teach our children enough of history, here or in Japan. She will expound on this further when she returns as our guest speaker on June 23rd.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEEK: **Eric Easton** nominated those who volun-

teered at the Rotarian aid station for the Casper marathon. They were **Jim Limes, Les Crawford, Susan and Jim Anderson, Richard Schwahn and Martha Rakestraw**. He also thanked all of those who helped out in some way to help make it such a big success. **Bill Mortimer** nominated all of those Rotarians and their partners who attended the District Conference in Cody. There were approximately 30 or so from Casper.

ANNPUNCEMENTS: **Holly Turner** announced that the NIC Fest is coming up the weekend of June 19-23rd. They are looking for volunteers to help with this event. They could use help from June 18th on! **President Dusty Johnson** announced he will not be here next week, he will be attending the International Rotary Conference in Los Angeles.

NEXT MEETING: June 16th - Our guest speaker will be our own **Tom Pagel**, Casper Police Chief. He will give us a report on police activity for 2007.

Meeting Summary for June 16, 2008

DATE: June 16, 2008

PLACE: Parkway Plaza

GREETERS: **Paul Rhodes** and **Steve Domonkos**

PLEDGE, INVOCATION AND 4-WAY

TEST: **Marie Celine Stegelman**

GUESTS: Introduced by **Paul Rhodes**

Rev Wm Pierce brought as his guest today Rachael Woodhouse from KTWO radio. **Rob Lempka**

brought as his guest today Morgan Young. **Eric Easton** brought as his guest today his father in law from Pinedale, George Ditton. **Helen Bishop** was a visiting Rotarian from the Jackson Hole Supper Club.

SONG AND MERRIMENT: **Gene Prugh** and **Brenda Peters**

Today we sang "God Bless America".

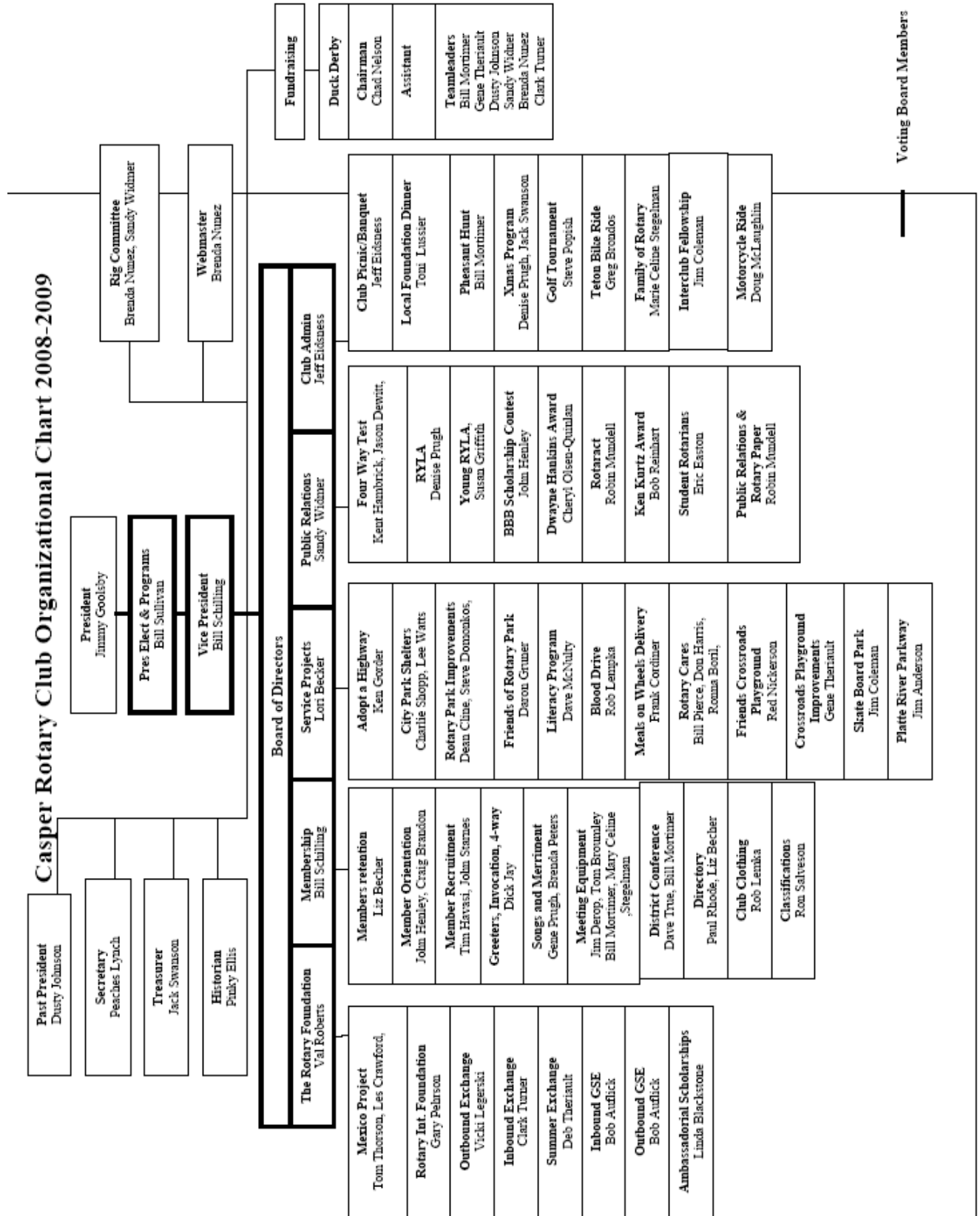
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The 75 year books are now here, you can pick them up after the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: Today our guest speaker was our own **Tom Pagel** the Chief of Police for the City of Casper. He gave us a report on calls of service for the 2007 year. There were 82900 calls in '07 with the Casper PD taking 67% of those calls. The other calls were taken by Mills, Evansville and the Sheriff's department. Out of those calls, 83% were non-emergency. This was a 3% increase in total calls from last year. Twenty four percent of these calls were of a criminal nature. The police department also reported that the total overtime expenditure of officers was 15%. As far as traffic stops, citations were issued 55% of the time that a stop was made. The number one violation again was a no insurance violation (2165 tickets issued), which is showing that 50% of drivers in Casper have no insurance. The number 2 violation was speeding with 1509 tickets issued and the #3 was motor vehicle registration resulting in 671 tickets. As far as calls of service according to the

time of day, the evening hours brought more call stops but less tickets. Alcohol arrests indicates that Casper still has a big drinking problem. In 2003 300 DUI's were issued and at the rate we are going there could possibly be over 640 written by the end of the 2008 year. There were 770 hit and runs last year involving either someone drunk or no insurance. The rate of juvenile MIP's is down. He reported that juvenile crime is on the decrease as well. Overall the part I offenses, which are the serious crimes have leveled out some. The number of misdemeanors has risen as well as the felony level of crimes. The number of drug arrests has also decreased over the last 4 years. The meth project will be kicking off which is a prevention program targeted to teens to show them the results of meth use. This program was started in Montana and resulted in Montana going from 3rd in the nation for meth use down to 39th. One other addition to the police program here in Casper is that we are now having for the first time a Casper police academy. There are already 13 potential officer candidates who will begin training in August.

ROTARIANS OF THE WEEK: **Don Harris** and Steve **Burnett** were nominated by **Burt Toews** for going down to New Orleans and working post-Katrina relief work. **Jake Dailey** nominated our police chief **Tom Pagel** for addressing the club today. **Helen Bishop** nominated all of those that attended the District

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Conference in Cody.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Rev Wm Pierce** announced the annual Juneteenth Celebration which will be held on Saturday June 21st at the Riverview park in North Casper. He also presented the Rotary Club and Rotary Foundation with a certificate of appreciation for donating money for books for Black History that were given to all elementary school children in Casper. **Clarke Turner** announced for **Holly Turner**

about the NIC Fest that will be taking place this coming week end beginning on June 19th at 6:00 pm through the 21 of June. The director for Habitat for Humanity announced that on Sunday June 22nd they are in need of volunteers to help with their annual "Blitz Build". **Bob Tarantola** announced that **Marty Brown** passed away and that Tiger Woods is leading the US Open by one stroke.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JUNE 23RD AT THE PARKWAY PLAZA

